

STANDARD STRATOCASTER® INSTALL GUIDE

Rev 1.0

VINTAGE CIRCUIT HARNESS

Step 1: Carefully remove the fasteners from the harness, paying attention not to bend or deform the wiring.

Step 2: Secure the harness to your pickguard. It should align perfectly, however a slight gentle manipulation may be necessary for it to drop in. Don't force it, it shouldn't require much effort, if any at all.

Step 3: Use the layout below to properly hook up the harness. Most Strat pickups have one white "hot" lead and one black "ground" lead, but sometimes the hot lead will be a color other than white. If you are not shielding the cavity of your guitar ignore the "Shielding Ground" connection to the "Ground Bus Hoop". You can also ignore the grey sections of the layout - this part of the circuit is already complete.

Step 4: After soldering all the dashed line connections in the layout inspect your solder joints to ensure nothing is loose and the joints are creating a solid contact. A good quality solder joint looks like liquid silver, smooth, and shiny.

Step 5: Before you fasten down your pickguard and restrung your guitar, plug it into an amplifier to verify all three pickups are working with the switch, and all the controls are functioning correctly. Gently tap an allen wrench or small screw driver on the pole pieces of your pickups and your amp should respond accordingly.

Step 6: Now that everything is connected and working, gently place your pickguard into it's home. If the cavity of your guitar is shielded take care to ensure no unwanted connections are being made through contact with the shield - this can create a ground loop. At this point you should be ready fasten the pickguard and string up the guitar, enjoy!

